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TECH NEWS

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RECOMMEND VACATION CHANGES

Tech Council Committee Draws Up Petition

The Tech Council held a meeting in the E. E. building last Wednesday night and received the report of the special committee appointed by President Danielson to investigate the advisability of a change in the present vacation system. Following the recommendation of this committee it was decided to circulate the following petition among the student body for approval, before presenting the matter to the faculty.

The Tech Council, believing that there is a demand among the students for a change in the present Institute Calendar, suggests the following changes for consideration:

First: That the fall summer practice and the first term begin as at present.

Second: That Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving be observed as vacation.

Third: That the Christmas vacation be lengthened to include New Years Day.

Fourth: That the ninth week of the second term be vacation week instead of the present spring vacation.

Fifth: That October 12, February 22, April 19, and May 30 be observed as holidays.

Sixth: That time be taken from the summer vacation in June to compensate for the above changes. It is recognized that this may shorten the summer vacation by as much as ten days.

This is the same question that has so often before come up for discussion, and which has repeatedly been turned down. There is not a decided feeling for or against longer vacations, although the majority of sentiment seems to be for more time off during the year.

The principal argument in favor of the proposed changes is that it breaks up long periods of work, and gives the students a chance for rest. Also, in time of make-up examinations, more time will be given for prepping. As it is now, only two or three days is given, and the average student finds it hard to do much work for make-up during regular school periods.

Then too, other competing schools have, without exception, longer vacation periods, and this is not overlooked by those choosing a college. Just how much this hurts Tech cannot be estimated.

The only argument against the changes is that it does not allow as long a time as usual for vacation employment. To many men this is an important factor. It does not seem, however, that a week more or less would make much difference.

The question is entirely up to the student body. No attempt is being made to influence anyone one way or the other. What is wanted is your signature on one of the petitions now being circulated, so that the council will have something definite to present to the faculty for consideration.

**BASEBALL
FIRST GAME APRIL 26
WITH NORTHEASTERN
SUPPORT YOUR TEAM**

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

Bigger Head Football Coach

LETTERS AWARDED

At the quarterly meeting of the Athletic Council, held Wednesday evening in the gymnasium, the results of the basketball season were discussed and acted upon. Ivan E. Bigler, the basketball and baseball coach, was appointed to fill the position of football coach for next fall, caused by the resignation of Fordyce T. Blake, who has filled this position at Tech since 1918.

The report of Stanton Howard, the basketball manager, showed that the past season had been successful financially as a substantial profit has been realized. Following the recommendations of the manager the following men were awarded their basketball "W" by the council: Captain Higgins, Delphos, Sharpe, Bittner, McAuliffe, Gross, Parsons, and Manager Howard.

The council awarded the second team basketball insignia to the following men: Dimick, Wright, Stevens, Fogg, Lyman, Sanford, and Assistant Manager Lamay. Urban R. Lamay was automatically advanced from assistant manager to manager for next year. A new system has been originated for assistant managers in the future, that is there will be two elected who will compete for the manager for another year, the better of the two receiving the managership. Donald G. Downing and Harold Wendlin were elected to be the assistant managers of basketball for the next year.

The election of a football manager, which had been laid over from the last meeting of the council, was voted on with the result that Benjamin S. Graves, '25, was elected to be the football manager for next year.

TENNIS MEN OUT

Squad Shows Up Well

This season a larger squad than usual has reported for indoor practice. So far about fifteen men have reported to Capt. Chen's call. The candidates have been practicing for the past three weeks and both Capt. Chen and the coach, Dr. Jennings, feel satisfied with the showing that has been made.

Capt. Chen is in his old time form and great things on the court are expected of him this season. Among the others, Dufault, Irons and Franks are exhibiting the best form. Severs and Wright, two new men also show promise and are working hard.

The candidates for assistant manager were called out last night. Four men responded.

The courts will be put in condition this week. They will be relayed this year. After vacation they will be ready for use.

A schedule of seven games has been arranged, the first with Tufts, at Medford, April 26.

This year a new competitive system for places on the team will be inaugurated. Details will be announced later.

There is still opportunity for a man to make a place on the squad. Anyone else desiring to compete for assistant manager should see Helge S. Johnson, manager, before vacation.

PHIL. DELPHOS TO HEAD NEXT YEAR'S QUINTET



(Photo by Bushong)
PHILLIP R. DELPHOS

On Friday night, following the meeting of the Athletic Association, held two days previous, at which the basketball letters were awarded, the "W" men elected "Phil" Delphos captain for the coming year. "Phil" has played a stellar game throughout the season, being the high scorer in several games. He entered Tech with the class of '25, coming from Classical High, where he captained his team, and has played on the varsity for three years, just failing to make his letter during his Freshman year.

Although his best playing has been in the forward court he holds the distinction of having played every position in a creditable manner. "Phil" possesses all the qualities of a natural leader and we look forward to a successful season under his guidance.

SKULL HONORS TEN JUNIORS BY ELECTION

Skull, the honorary society of the Senior class, held their annual elections last Tuesday. It is considered the highest of honors to be a "Skull man." They are looked up to on the campus as leaders in all branches of Tech activities. Ten Juniors are pledged each year, and they are the ten most active men of the class. The ten who were honored with the black and orange ribbon are as follows: Robert B. Scott, Providence, R. I.; Urban R. Lamay, Holyoke; Thomas G. Wright, Palmer; John J. McAuliffe, Gardner; Leonard C. Calder, Swansea; Russell H. Webster, Willimantic, Conn.; Donald B. Sharpe, Ware; Dana L. Forbes, Lynn; Milton C. Fox, Worcester; and Arnold P. Hayward, Claremont, N. H.

ON THE CAMPUS

"Where are you going in such a hurry?"

"Nowhere."

"Then what's your hurry?"

"I gotta get there."

—Punch Bowl.

NEW FOOT- BALL SYSTEM

Spring Practice Inaugurated

SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Tech's 1924 football season has begun to take shape with the arrangement of the new schedule and a meeting of last year's lettermen last Wednesday night. It was announced that Pete Bigler and Bruce Lancaster would take care of the coaching part of the team.

In the past few years, the teams which Tech has put out have not won the games they should have won. Many of us give wonderful alibis. We say that there is not enough time to practice, poor material, poor coaches and many other fancied reasons. But the truth is, that the fellows are not willing to come out and make the best possible team of which Tech is capable. There are several men here who have even played football on High School teams, and have failed to show up for practice. Furthermore, the football spirit has disappeared to such a degree that a great many of the fellows no longer talk of the chances of winning games, but bet on the difference of score by which we lose. How can you expect any team to win games when such a spirit prevails?

Next year all the old alibis will be removed. Flood lights are to be installed so that practice will not be prevented by darkness. Both coaches are out to get the squad to play real football. So the success of next year's team depends not wholly on the squad, as it has in the past, but on the rest of the college to give its whole-hearted support.

Let every man who has the build and brains keep himself in fair condition till next fall; for the first practice will be the Monday preceding registration. The schedule for next year is very attractive, and we ought to come through with several wins.

Oct. 4. Trinity at Hartford
11. N. Y. State, here
18. M. A. C., here
25. Lowell, here
Nov. 1. R. I. State at Kingston
6. R. P. I. at Troy

SOPH-HOP PLANS COMPLETE.

Date May 9

The plans for the annual Sophomore Hop are now practically complete and the event promises to be a gala one in Tech's social history. Cipriano's orchestra, which made such a great hit at the Interfraternity dance, has been secured, so great music can be promised all those who attend. The Hop this year is to run only until one o'clock, as it was not thought advisable to have a later dance at that particular time. It is to be held Friday, May 9th, in the Alumni gymnasium, as has been the custom.

New and novel dance orders have been selected by the committee. Plans for the decorations are also complete and an attractive hall will result with a Japanese lantern line extending outside from the tennis courts. The committee has left no stone unturned to provide a memorable occasion. Tickets

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Y. M. C. A. ELECTIONS

L. F. Sanborn Is President For Coming Year

The annual Y. M. C. A. elections were held last Thursday, April 10, in the Y rooms. L. F. Sanborn, '25, was elected president to take the place of H. S. Johnson. Sanborn lives in Canterbury, N. H., and prepared for Tech at Tilton Seminary where he was actively engaged in Y. M. C. A. work. He has been on the Cabinet here at Tech for the past year and also in his Freshman and Sophomore years. Besides being president of the Y. M. C. A., Sanborn is the captain-elect of football and is a member of the varsity track and baseball squads.

H. L. Eastman, '25, of Lunenburg, Mass., was elected vice-president, as successor of G. J. Danielson. Eastman has been a hard worker for the Y during his entire college career. Eastman has served on the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet for two years and last winter attended the Y. M. C. A. conference at Indianapolis with Sanborn, Jordan, and Cornell, as representative of the Tech Y.

D. B. Dimick, '26, assumes the office of treasurer to succeed R. C. Jordan. Although new to Y. M. C. A. work, Dimick has shown much interest in its welfare, and will, without doubt, make a capable executive. Dimick has been a shining light on the second basketball team for two years and is a member of the track squad.

The only Freshman office elected this year was C. H. Fogg of Tilton, N. H. Fogg graduated from Tilton Seminary and came to Tech last fall to shine on the second team in basketball. He is now a member of the baseball squad. Fogg takes the position of secretary, vacated by G. Buddy.

The old Y. M. C. A. Cabinet is to meet soon to review the past season's activities and elect a new Cabinet. The work this year has been very gratifying and the new officers and Cabinet will have a high goal to attain in order to equal that of those retiring.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL MEETING

On Monday evening, April 7th, the Interfraternity Council held its regular meeting in the offices of the E. E. building.

The Council voted not to run an Interfraternity track meet this year, but to total up all points won by the respective fraternities in the Institute meet, exclusive of those points won by letter men, to decide which fraternity should win the trophy. This was decided upon after much discussion in order to co-operate as much as possible with Professor Carpenter, in that he feels that letter men should run so that he can get a good idea of what material he has, by seeing them in competition with the Varsity.

Article 16 of the constitution was revised to read: In all Interfraternity sports, all letter men shall be barred from active competition. The above ruling does not apply to men who won their letters through being managers.

The Council also voted to run an Interfraternity baseball series this year and in order to co-operate with Coach Bigler, voted that no squad men should

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MEMORANDUM

One of the questions before the students in the closing months of the year 1923-24 relates to the value of the Assemblies. These were established a few years ago at their request, as a means of bringing all the classes together and assisting towards a solidarity of the student body, especially in support of athletics and of the social relations. The attendance has always been prescribed in the interest of the students but this prescription has been, in reality, a function of the Student Council to keep the meetings going. It has always been understood that the students could have music, their own speaking, or their own business, for the entire hour of the Assembly if they wished. The Faculty has been much interested and has desired to assist the movement by giving one free hour a month during the regular recitation hours. It has been on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday at 11.00 A. M.

Two classes of students are found: those, who having recitations during this free hour, thus have the classroom work decreased; and those, who having no recitations, find this one hour a month an addition. It is difficult to understand why the attendance has steadily fallen off, or why the opportunity to get together in a friendly way, has not outweighed every other consideration of free or extra hours. The Faculty and students may very well ask themselves now, whether, under present circumstances, the Assemblies are valuable enough to be continued after this year. As a matter of fact, every student ought to attend, but too many of them acquire quickly very careless habits. Those who are likely to be failures in their public duty after graduation remain in their rooms or go down the hill to some kind of a wasted hour, and neglect this plain home duty.

The spirit of most undergraduate bodies fluctuates from year to year, but we do not want it to fluctuate so much at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute as to disappear entirely. Success in anything depends upon united action and united support. Have we that at this Institution? I am referring this whole matter to the Student Council for the purpose of having it taken up with the classes. It may be that a vote on the subject would determine how far we should consider our Assembly hour a useless hour for fully half the students. If it is useless for them, it ought to be discontinued, and I am asking here what the students really think about it. Furthermore, I hope every student will feel free either to tell me or to write me what changes would improve the get-together spirit, or would increase the desire to attend our monthly meeting.

(signed)

IRA N. HOLLIS.

HABITS

A large part of everyone's life is determined or based upon habits. The habits to which there is a natural tendency are called instincts and those which are due to education are called acts of reason. It is habit that makes a paper easier to fold after it has been folded once. The same thing is true of any piece of mechanism.

So it is with us who are little more than delicate machines. The continued practice or habit makes it easier to perform many motions. In other words every kind of training for special purposes creates habits and leaves a certain impress on that part of the body which is exercised. A pitcher improves his control of the ball by continued practice of the right muscles. It is true also that one can destroy habit by improper practice.

One result of practice is that it simplifies the movements required to achieve a given result and makes them more accurate. Furthermore it lessens the fatigue. Another result which is most important is that the consciousness with which acts are performed is diminished.

Our habits, both physical and mental, are just beginning to make their impress and will be harder to change later than they are now. It is time that we should have obtained many creditable habits,—being on time, habit of accomplishment, etc. At any rate it is never too late to begin to create such habits and to strengthen those which we have.

It is habits with other qualities that go to make for one's success.

FRATERNITY NOTES

Phi Gamma Delta

Recent visitors at the house were Philip E. Lyon, Ohio Wesleyan, '16, and Guy C. Bittner, Allegheny, '22.

Phi Gamma Delta wishes to announce the recent initiation of Charles L. Richardson and Fred R. Cook, '27.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Henry J. E. Reid, '19, who is connected with the Bureau of Standards in Washington, visited the House this week.

A costume dinner dance was held last Saturday, for all members, in conjunction with the house party. Bro. and Mrs. Landon chaperoned. G. O. Bedard, ex-'25, Sperry, ex-'23, Dodkin, '23, Seidel, '23, and Bro. Bergstrom of Brown were present.

Delta Tau

L. R. Brooks, ex-'23, was up from Brown University recently, to make a short visit. Russell Hirst, '19, was also

a recent visitor at the House.

Philip C. Mirick, '17, died recently at Niagara Falls. The funeral was at his home in Princeton, Mass.

Theta Chi

Visitors at the House recently include: Brothers Brown, Georges and Donovan of Gamma, "Tacks" Brown and Lamb of Theta.

Theta Chi wishes to announce the pledging of Merle Hutchins, '25, also the initiation of Bardwell, Thacker, Merrill, all of '27, and Cornell, '25.

Dick Whitecomb is in New York attending the Theta Chi Fraternity convention.

Lambda Chi Alpha

Herbert N. Eaton, '16, spoke at the last Sigma Xi meeting.

The annual initiation banquet will be held April 26, at the Masonic Club.

Dick Kimball and S. A. Fish attended banquets at Dartmouth and R. I. State respectively.

NEWS MEETING

At a meeting held Tuesday, in Boynton Hall, the resignation of the Managing Editor of the NEWS was read and accepted.

Jackson K. Sterrett, '25, was appointed to take his place. By Sterrett's appointment the position of NEWS Editor was left vacant. Sigurd Wendin, '25, was elected to this position. It was announced that the charms had arrived.

BASEBALL

FIRST GAME

APRIL 26

WITH

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SUPPORT

YOUR

TEAM



— and still they say
college men don't study!

The critic who charges college men with lack of diligence never heard a freshman repeat his roll of fraternity chapters without a slip, or a senior dilate on the life history of every football captain from 1890 on.

Of course this takes study—sometimes too much study. The student must be cautioned against the mental strain resulting from concentration on too limited a field of thought.

It is a good thing to specialize, but not to the extent of becoming narrow. If it is right for the man who concentrates on engineering to be up on his campus activities, it would seem right for the man who is quoted on the history and philosophy of Comparative Baseball Scores to have some knowledge of the chemistry and thermodynamics from which he expects to make his living.

For it is still true that in industrial councils the talk sometimes swings from batting averages to coefficients of expansion and the hysteresis losses in iron.

This is all a matter of balance, and satisfactory mental balance is a means to an important end—satisfactory bank balance.

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SOPHOMORE HOP

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will be put on sale shortly in the different divisions and by the members of the committee. The latter is composed of the following men: James A. Thompson, chairman, Frank T. Johnson, Robert O. Wright, Russel F. Barker, Robert H. Alberti, Gordon F. Bowers, and Robert W. Gillette.

The tickets this year are to be sold for three dollars per couple and a great time is promised to all those who attend.

WIRELESS ASSOCIATION NOTES

C. L. Denault, W. B. Gould, P. C. Noble, and C. F. Stevens represented the College at the annual convention of the New England Division, American Radio Relay League, held at the Hotel Kimball, Springfield, March 28-29. One of the features of this convention was the formation of the New England Intercollegiate Radio Relay League, by representatives from Dartmouth, Harvard, Norwich, Clark, M. I. T., University of Vermont, University of Maine, and Worcester Tech. J. O. Glennie of Dartmouth was elected president, W. W. Hall of the University of Vermont, secretary, while R. R. Cooley of M. I. T. and W. B. Gould of Worcester Tech were elected members of the executive committee. The purpose of this league is to handle matters pertaining to games, debates, etc. between the different colleges.

The Wireless Association's four men were initiated into the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong, which is the fraternal order of the A. R. R. L.

THE NEWMAN CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Newman Club was held Thursday evening, April 11th, in the gym. Plans were made for the annual Communion Breakfast, which is to take place Sunday, April 14th, at the State Mutual Restaurant. Assistant Superintendent of Schools Thomas Powers will be the principal speaker. The club will receive communion in a body at the eight o'clock mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

INTERFRATERNITY MEETING

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was allowed to play in the series. It was thought that this last measure would also help in getting the games started on time.

As regard to baseball, it was decided not to invite the Non-fraternity group to enter a team as this would mean seven more games in the series and there is scarcely time enough now to "pay off" the present number of games before the close of school.

The report of the Interfraternity Dance Committee showing a balance of \$30.00 was next read and accepted, following which the meeting was adjourned.

SIGMA XI MEETING

Last Wednesday night Sigma Xi held its monthly meeting in the gym. At this time the newly associated members were taken into full membership.

As usual the fraternity was able to procure a most interesting speaker for the evening, Mr. Herbert N. Eaton, 16, at present Associate Engineer in the Bureau of Standards at Washington, discussed at some length recent developments in aerodynamics. The greatest emphasis was placed on two new instruments which have recently come into use. The first is for determining the speed of an airplane in flight, and the second is used to determine the tension of the covering of a lighter-than-air craft.

The meeting was one of the best of the year, and was fully appreciated by those in attendance.

ALUMNI NOTES

Professor Herbert F. Taylor, secretary-treasurer of the Alumni Association, is attending an Alumni meeting in Virginia. It is possible that he will also attend the Washington meeting while in the South.

King: "What ho, the guard!"

Prime Minister: "Sire, the guard has lost his umbrella and it is raining."

King: "Then, what ho, the mud-guard!"

FRATERNITY BASEBALL TO START SOON

No Man on Varsity Squad Eligible

The following schedule has been adopted for the 1924 Interfraternity baseball series:

Apr. 21 D. T. vs. S. A. E.
22 P. G. D. vs. A. T. O.
23 T. C. vs. L. C. A.
24 D. T. vs. P. S. K.
25 A. T. O. vs. T. C.
26 P. G. D. vs. L. C. A.
27 T. C. vs. S. A. E.
30 D. T. vs. L. C. A.
May 1 P. G. D. vs. S. A. E.
2 P. S. K. vs. A. T. O.
3 P. S. K. vs. L. C. A.
6 A. T. O. vs. D. T.
7 T. C. vs. P. G. D.
8 S. A. E. vs. A. T. O.
12 P. S. K. vs. S. A. E.
13 D. T. vs. P. G. D.
14 P. S. K. vs. T. C.
15 L. C. A. vs. S. A. E.
19 T. C. vs. D. T.
20 L. C. A. vs. S. A. E.
21 P. S. K. vs. P. G. D.

As in previous years no man who has won his letter in baseball will be allowed to play on any fraternity team and in order not to interfere with varsity practice in any way whatever, the following ruling has been made this year. No man whose name is on the squad list at the time of a fraternity game will be allowed to play in the game. It sometimes happened last year that varsity practice was seriously handicapped when several first string men had to leave practice early in order to play in the fraternity games. While the men leaving the varsity were still getting good practice, the men left on the squad could not work to good advantage. While this ruling may hit some fraternities harder than others this year, they have agreed to it in order to help Coach Bigler to turn out the best possible team.

Alpha Tau Omega

Kirk Lawton, 17, visited the house last week end.

There are always two sides to a question—the wrong side and our side (Stanley's).

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BASEBALL PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Outdoor Practice Starts, Squad Cut to 24 Men

Great spirit has been shown by everyone out for the baseball squad, so that even though the team was delayed in getting out, on account of wet grounds, prospects are bright for a winning team. From among the forty candidates, Coach Bigler has selected a squad of twenty-four.

Several good batteries are developing so that there will not be the lack of pitchers, that was feared at the outset of the season. Calder is in his old time form and has been working hard so a big season is expected from him. Bateson, who shone in the Interfraternity league last season, is also showing some good stuff. Alberti, Sanborn and Mantz, although less experienced, are doing well.

On the receiving end, Moran is being given some good opposition. He is, however, working hard and his greater experience counts for him. Carlstrom and Armstrong, who were on the 22 squad, have been showing up well. Two Freshmen, Rogers and Harris, are proving themselves to be fine material and given a little time, should give a good account of themselves.

Captain Higgins has been transferred to first base where he is showing good form. Other candidates for this position are Jones, a Freshman, and McAuliffe, who played the position last year.

Sharpe and Fogg have been playing the keystone sack and both show that they know the game. Sharpe's work in this position last year was one of the features of the team.

The vacant position of short-stop has been contested for by Willard, Murphy and Neubauer.

Wilson, on third, is going like a flash. Sanford also shows promise in this position.

There are several outfielders who look good. McGarrell and McCarthy, from last year's team, show their old form at the bat and their fielding is good. Brackett looks good with the stick and has good form in the field. F. McCarthy, Taylor and Durivage have also been hard at work in the field and given time will prove valuable additions.

INTER-CLASS AND INTERFRATERNITY TRACK MEET

The combined Inter-class and Interfraternity track meet will be held on Alumni Field, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, April 15th and 16th, at half-past four.

All students are urged to take part in this meet, as it is Coach Johnstone's only opportunity to get a line on any available material for the spring track team. In case any of the regular team become ineligible, the coach wishes to have suitable material on hand to replace them.

In former years, the Interfraternity track meet has been held separately, but because of the late spring and the inability of the coach to be present April 26th, it has been combined with the Inter-class meet.

Since "W" men are barred from Interfraternity competition, their points will count for their class but not for the fraternity to which they belong. The first three finishing after the letter men will be counted as

first, second and third in the Interfraternity scoring.

JUNIOR CLASS MEETING

At the last meeting of the Junior class an amendment to the class constitution, specifically depriving all Juniors, not paying their assessments, of recognition in next year's Aftermath. It seems strange, to say the least, that such a threat should be necessary to force Tech men to support their class and its activities. Let us hope that this will reawaken class spirit on the Hill.

Precisely

Aunt: "Can you explain wireless telegraphy to me, Arthur?"

Arthur: "Well, if you had a very long dog, reaching from London to Liverpool, and you trod on its tail in London, it would bark in Liverpool. That's telegraphy; and wireless is precisely the same only without the dog."

—The Passing Show (London).

Patron: "Waiter, there is sand in this bread."

Waiter: "Yes sir. That's to keep the butter from sliding off."

—Jack O'Lantern.

Rum: "Ho hum! There's nothing new under the sun."

Bum: "No, and there's also a lot of old stuff pulled off under the moon."

Little boy (outside a zebra cage): "Is that a white horse with black stripes or a black horse with white stripes?"
Colored boy: "Neither, that's a sport model Jack Ass."

ANOTHER VIEW POINT

A miser was scoring a hired man for his extravagance in wanting to carry a lantern when calling on his girl.

"The idea," he scoffed, "When I was courtin' I never carried no lantern. I went in the dark."

The hired man proceeded to fill the lantern. "Yes," he said, sadly, "and look what you got."

(Sage Allen).

CHILLY WORK

The dear old gentleman got into conversation with a young man.

"And what is your job, sir," he asked, "if may make so bold as to inquire?"

"I travel in underwear," was the reply.

"How curious!" said the old man, rubbing his spectacles. "And-er-what a cold job it must be in the winter."

COULD NOT WAIT

A retail dealer in leather goods, doing business in Baltimore, wrote to a firm in southern Massachusetts ordering a carload of merchandise. The firm wired him:

"Cannot ship your order until last consignment is paid for."

"Unable to wait so long," telegraphed the merchant. "Cancel the order."

—Joy Book.

The lightning bug is brilliant,

But it hasn't any mind;

It wanders through creation

With its headlight on behind.

"Woman. A rag, a bone and a hank of hair."

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M. E. NOTES

At a dinner of Tech Alumni held in
Hartford last week, Professor C. M.
Allen gave a talk on "The Safe Way
to Handle Gasoline," and at this dinner
a committee was appointed to form a
Hartford Local Alumni Association.

Through the efforts of Professor
Roys, the Institute faculty and their
families were given the opportunity of
seeing some very interesting films last
week. These included Barling Bomber
Tests, Trans-Continental Flight and Pa-
chute Jumping, and also one which
belongs to Professor E. P. Warner, of
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
on French and German Glider Trials.

On Friday, April 4th, Mr. A. H. Law-
ton, of Toronto, Ontario, spent the day
with Professor C. M. Allen. Mr. Law-
ton is the manager of the Engineering
Department of the Canadian and Gen-
eral Finance Corporation. This com-
pany probably controls the largest
group of foreign properties under any
one management. These properties
comprise such utilities as the light and
power, tramway, gas and telephone in
Mexico City, Rio de Janeiro and San
Paulo, Brazil, and Barcelona, Spain.

Mr. Lawton is negotiating with Profes-
sor Allen for the use of the Salt Ve-
locity Method of Water Measurement
in testing his company's power plants.
Mr. Nuhisabuna Takuria, Mechanical
Engineer with the Daido Electric
Power Co. of Tokyo, Japan, spent April
10th with Professor Allen on the Hill
and at the hydraulic laboratory at
Chaffins. During the last two years
he has been in the testing department
of the Allis Chalmers Co. at Milwaukee,
Wis., and is now returning to Japan.
The Daido Co. has several water power
and steam stations which supply light
and power to Tokyo, a city of the same
population as Chicago. The Japanese
are now planning complete electrifica-
tion of their railroads and new water
power stations are to be developed
while the old stations are to be im-
proved. Mr. Takuria will test the var-
ious units of his company's plant for
efficiency, and wants to use Professor
Allen's salt cell method for his water
measurements.

TRIPS BY SENIOR CHEMISTS

On Wednesday, April 2, the Senior
chemists made an inspection of the
South Works of the American Steel
and Wire Co. Among the most impor-
tant processes were the making of steel
in the open hearth furnaces and the
drawing of the wire. They also visited
the chemical laboratories of the com-
pany.

On April 8, they went to the Norton
Co., where they listened to a short talk
by Mr. Hurlon, Research Engineer, and
later saw the complete process of mak-
ing grinding wheels. Each man received
a souvenir from the company.

E. E. Department

The Northeastern district of the
American Institute of Electrical Engi-
neers is planning to hold a district
convention of the eleven sections con-
stituting the district at the Institute
May 28th, at which it is expected
that a considerable list of papers will
be presented, while visits of inspection
and other features will be arranged.

Among the speakers in E. E. course
24 of Business Methods and Adminis-

tration, are Frederick M. Feiker, vice-
president of the Society for Electrical
Development, formerly assistant to Mr.
Hoover; W. S. Shepard, vice-president
of the Worcester Bank and Trust Co.;
H. K. Dexter, Credit and Efficiency
Manager; Jacob Reed, of Kinsley and
Adams; W. L. Walker, vice-president of
Wire Goods Co. of Worcester; Charles
T. Hawley, patent attorney for South-
gate; and Southgate; Charles P. Allen,
president of the Norton Co. of Wor-
cester; Henry S. Dennison, president of
the Dennison Mfg. Co., Framingham;
and H. C. Baldwin, Baldwin Statistical
Organization, Wellesley Hills.

The last travelogue meeting of the
season was held at the home of Pro-
fessor H. B. Smith last Friday even-
ing, and an exceedingly interesting set
of slides of Japanese life was shown.

Mr. Maxfield is at present engaged in
a series of tests for the American Steel
and Wire Co., on a stranded copper cov-
ered steel core, intended for railroad
electrification projects. This cable is
designed to support an overhead con-
tact wire by catenary construction,
therefore requiring the hardened steel
core, to guarantee high tensile strength.
The cable is also designed to carry one-
half the operating current. Tests are
planned to go up to 1200 amperes D.
C., 25 cycles and 60 cycles.

Civil Department

Robert M. Wilder, 22, has been ap-
pointed Assistant Structural Engineer
of the city of Los Angeles, and is en-
gaged on harbor work at San Pedro.
Mr. Wilder was given the position by
virtue of the fact that he was rated
first of forty-one men who took the
civil service examinations.

SENIOR CLASS MEETING

At last Tuesday's class meeting, John
Styffe was elected chairman of a com-
mittee to prepare nominations for per-
manent officers of the class. His com-
mittee consists of G. B. Jellison, S. B.
Howard, H. S. Johnson, and President
Danielson. Their report will be given
at the next Senior class meeting.

FRESHMAN CLASS MEETING

The proposed constitution was read
to the class of '27, last Monday after
chemistry lecture. On Wednesday the
separate articles were taken up, dis-
cussed, and the first three adopted.
There was much bickering over the
section relating to the election of offi-
cers, so much so, in fact, that action
on the remainder of the constitution
had to be postponed till later.

INTERCLASS BASEBALL POST- PONED

Owing to conflict with varsity prac-
tice, the annual Sophomore-Freshman
baseball series will not be played until
the close of the varsity season. Both
classes are strongly represented among
the varsity candidates and to have run
the series off before the first game on
April 26 would have inconvenienced
Coach Rieger considerably.

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Pythias—

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